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After record rains, CAP aircrews fly disaster relief missions in Northeast

Following record rainfall and subsequent flooding this month, members of Civil Air Patrol's Brockton Composite Squadron flew a series of disaster relief missions to chronicle the impact in their area.



Using the squadron's CAP Cessna 182, aircrews took to the skies to obtain digital images of the flooding and the resulting damage. Missions focused on the overflow of the Taunton River and significant flooding in the towns of Taunton, Raynham, Bridgewater, Lakeville and Halifax.

The crew also conducted an aerial survey of recent flooding that closed Norwood Memorial Airport, where both runways were inundated.

This is the wettest March we've ever seen and now only one month in our history of record keeping has had more rain. The Boston area has picked up 14.83 inches so far this month, as of 6 a.m. Wednesday. The old record for March was 11 inches, set back in 1953. Only one month has had more rain since record keeping started way back in 1872. That was August 1955, when the Boston area was hit with 17.09 inches.



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NORAD Training in Skies Over D.C.

By **SCOTT EISENHUTH**

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The North American Aerospace Defense Command, what we more commonly call NORAD, is planning on doing some training flights over the Washington area the next couple of days.

These flights are an exercise in the enforcement of the D.C. no-fly zone.

The exercises will be held Tuesday and Wednesday in the early morning hours. The first flights will be between midnight and 2 a.m. and the second flights will happen between 4 a.m. and 6 a.m. There will also be another exercise sometime after midnight on Thursday.

Each training exercise flight will involve Civil Air Patrol airplanes and Coast Guard helicopters. If the weather is bad the exercise will be postponed a day.

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Buy a space shuttle, cheap

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. – Here's a recession bargain: the space shuttle. NASA has slashed the price of these 1970s era spaceships from \$42 million to \$28.8 million apiece.

The shuttles are for sale once they quit flying supposedly this fall.

When NASA put out the call to

museums, schools and

others in December 2008, seeking buyers, about 20 expressed interest. NASA spokesman Mike Curie expects more interest, what with the discount.

"We're confident that we'll get other takers," Curie said.

Discovery is already promised to the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum, Atlantis and Endeavor are up for grabs. It's possible that Enterprise, a shuttle prototype that never made it to space, also will be available. Enterprise currently is at the Smithsonian.

Curie said no decisions will be made before the summer.

Potential customers had until February to put in a request.

Assembly will be required.



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MAWG Safety Officer Named Fire Chief for Amherst, MA

February 16, 2010



MAWG Safety Officer and Holyoke deputy fire chief Walter O. "Tim" Nelson became the town's new fire chief. Town Manager Laurence R. Shaffer signed a contract on Friday with the 29-year Holyoke Fire Department veteran. "I can't wait until he begins his tenure here on March 22," Shaffer said. Nelson, who lives in South Hadley, succeeds Keith E. Hoyle, who retired Aug. 1.

While serving as Holyoke deputy fire chief, Major Nelson, was responsible for homeland security and hazardous materials along with being the department's representative to the city's Emergency Management Team. Major Nelson has been the disaster co-chairman for the Pioneer Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross which serves Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin counties.

Tim was sworn in at a ceremony surrounded by his wife, friends, members of Civil Air Patrol and fellow firefighters.

Major Nelson is known as an accomplished professional who brings the full range of knowledge and experience to Amherst. I am pleased and proud to



present him to the community as its new fire chief," Shaffer said in his statement.

At the recent MAWG conference, held at the Sturbridge Host Hotel, Major Nelson received the 2009 MAWG Officer of the Year award.



Mass Wing Hits Big Screen in Scorsese's "Shutter Island"



Well OK . . . maybe not a MAWG Staff member but his WWII vintage Army truck did. Major Ron Johanson supplied his WWII Army truck that Leo DeCaprio (aka Teddy Daniels) and Mark Ruffalo (aka Chuck Aule) are seen riding in as they arrive at the dock on Shutter Island (aka Paddocks

Island off of Hull). The vehicle also made an appearance in the scene as they drove up to the mental hospital and by the cemetery (which was not on Peddocks Island but in Medfield, MA).

The truck can be seen in the first few seconds of the trailer <http://www.shutterisland.com>



Martin Scorsese (located at front of truck) checks out WWII vehicles

Lt Colonel Ralph Shaver Named MAWG Chief of Staff

Massachusetts Wing Commander, Colonel William Meskill recently announced that Lt Col Ralph Shaver has been appointed the Chief of Staff for Massachusetts Wing Headquarters. Based on changes in his civilian work schedule, Lt Col Jeff Tensfeldt assumed the role of deputy Chief of Staff.

Lt Col. Shaver has an excellent experience base in CAP and has served in a wide variety of positions in the Squadrons and Wing HQ said Col. Meskill. He has brought his experience and skills to each of these positions and will be a very valuable asset to us as Chief of Staff.



NORTHEAST REGION CONDUCTS CISM TRAINING

By Capt Ken Windyka, PAO, Westover Composite Squadron NER-MA-015



Northeast Region held a 2 ½ day Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Course which started on Friday February 19, and concluded on Sunday 21, 2010. The course was hosted by the Westover Composite Squadron and personnel from throughout the Northeast Region, including American Red Cross volunteers/employees, and from the National Guard participated in the training.

The purpose of Critical Incident Stress Management training is to prepare volunteer members to be psychological “first aid” responders. Personnel were trained in the CISM peer, individual, and group

process principles -- which strive to mitigate the psychological impact of a traumatic event (e.g. plane crash, natural disaster, serious incident, or serious accidents). It also serves as an early identification mechanism for individuals who may require professional mental health follow up for after a traumatic event. Attendees were reminded that no one in emergency services is immune to critical incident stress.

The instructor for the course was the Northeast Region LtCol (Chaplain) Van Don Williams, who is a retired 20 year New York City fire fighter,



and has experienced first-hand the challenges faced by public safety responders in the aftermath of disasters such as “9/11”.



Col Christopher Hayden, Commander Northeast Region, also attended the training, and commented to the attendees how important the training was for not only providing assistance to CAP members but also as the potential of being of assistance to other military and civilian organizations as a future CAP mission.

Graduates of this program included the following members of MAWG;

Col William Meskill, MA Wing Commander

LtCol Guy Simmons - Maj Sharon Ingraham

Capt (Ch) Robert Ebersole - 1Lt Richard Walsh - 2Lt Marianne Meskill





Promotions and Award

Billy Mitchell Award

Cadet Courtney Vatosiou
Cadet John Millis
Cadet Abhiram Iyengar
Cadet Kyle Muka
Cadet Ryan Kulik
Cadet Alexander Ortins

Achievement Award

C/1LT Bryan Sullivan

Grover Loening Award

Captain Cheryl Hughes

Paul Garber Award

Major Raymond LaRose
Major Matthew Wissell

Gill Robb Wilson Award

Major James R. Fallon – MAWG HQ
Colonel William Meskill – MAWG HQ

Life Savings Award

1LT Dan Parsons



Drug Demand Reduction Mission Statement



The Civil Air Patrol Drug Demand Reduction Program assists squadrons, groups, wings, and regions to instill an aggressive, positive, drug-free attitude in CAP members, AF families, DoD civilians, and school-age children through a comprehensive program that Promotes CAP as a positive community service lifestyle, Encourages youth to remain in school and Focuses on drug abuse education, prevention, and awareness.

The Drug Demand Reduction Program (DDRP) is chartered with the responsibility to make CAP an environment that promotes and supports education, community involvement, social responsibility and respect for individuals. The DDR Program began in 1994 to support the "Air Force Family" within 30 miles of an Air Force installation. Since that time, the program scope has expanded to include the entire CAP organization with a special emphasis on the Cadet Program. The CAP DDRP has teamed to work jointly with the following agencies:

Air Force Drug Demand Reduction Program
Air Force Reserve Command Drug Demand
Reduction Program
National Guard Drug Demand Reduction Program

Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America
Drug Enforcement Administration Drug Demand
Reduction Program

Community Outreach Activities

Get involved with base or local community coalitions to support their community outreach activities. Provide essential and supplemental assistance to selected community projects such as:

Red Ribbon Week Campaign. The annual Red Ribbon Week Campaign is conducted during the last week in October to allow people and communities to demonstrate a visible stand against drugs and to show their personal commitment to a drug-free lifestyle and the creations of a Drug Free America through the symbolic act of wearing a red ribbon. The campaign is in memory of DEA Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena who was killed in 1985 while investigating a multi-billion-dollar drug scam. The United States Congress proclaimed the Red Ribbon Campaign in 1988. Since then, it has grown to reach millions of Americans.

Drug Education for Youth (DEFY) with Air Force, Navy or Department of Juvenile Justice. DEFY is a science-based substance abuse prevention program that is targeted for children 9-12 years old. It is designed to enhance the protective factors and reduces the risk factors that research indicates are associated with substance abuse, academic failure, and juvenile delinquency. DEFY provides children with the tools they need to resist drugs, alcohol, and gangs.

Base open houses and air shows: DDR portable displays and videotapes, along with cadets and seniors, tell the CAP story. Cadets who are proudly wearing their uniform and knowledgeable of the program are the best way to demonstrate the value of the Cadet Program.

Joint Agency Activities collaborate with other base agencies. One such program is a Model Rocketry Program (reference CAPR 50-20). When the activity has a Demand Reduction nexus, it is run with DDR personnel for cadets and base youth.

Federal Bureau of Investigation Community Outreach Program - All funded programs should reflect long-range goals or plans that build toward instilling an aggressive, positive, drug-free attitude in Civil Air Patrol members.



Sturbridge, MA Plays Host to MAWG Conference



Last month more than 250 Civil Air Patrol members gathered at the Sturbridge Host Hotel, Sturbridge, MA, for the 2010 Massachusetts Wing Annual Conference and Awards Banquet.

The conference provided members

the opportunity to further their professional development, network and help chart CAP's future.

The conference theme, "What have we got that we can give?" was the compelling message, describing the spirit of Civil Air Patrol's civic-minded citizens who serve their communities through aerospace education, search and rescue, emergency services and cadet programs.



The conference also held a non-perishable food drive for St. Mary's Food Pantry, located in Sturbridge. Food items were collected during the beginning of the conference and were delivered to the food bank in an effort to help end hunger throughout our region. To officially start every conference, the MAWG Color Guard presents and posts the National and CAP colors kicking off a weekend of events. However, at this year's conference, Col. Meskill, MAWG Commander

had a special event planned. To the surprise of all, the Lexington Minutemen carried in the colors and presented them to the cadet CAP color guard for posting.



The Minuteman contingent consisted of rifle bearers, color guard, fife & drums under the command of Cpt. John Parker, a direct descendent of 1775 Massachusetts Militiaman, who declared on the Lexington Green, "Let it Begin Here!"

During the conference, participants were able to find a seminar that fit their interests. Seminars, led by Wing staff members include: Cadet Programs, Aerospace Education, Operations, Public Affairs, Professional Development and Communications.

Each year the conference concludes with an awards banquet. This year CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Amy S. Courter and Northeast Region Commander Col. Christopher Hayden were on-hand to presented a Civil Air Patrol Life Saving Award to 1st Lt. Dan Parsons and two Gill Rob Wilson Awards to Col. William Meskill and Maj. Ray Fallon.



See additional photo's of the MAWG Conference @ www.mawg.cap.gov



As this year's Commander of the 190th Cadet Training Group – MAWG Encampment, I would like to take a moment to make a few announcements about the staff and first training day for the upcoming 2010 MAWG Encampment. Please join me in congratulating the following cadets who have either accepted a position on staff or have decided to take on a different position than originally announced:

2010 MAWG Encampment Update

By LtCol John Flaherty – 190th Cadet Training Group Commander

Cadet CMSgt Hannah Kuegler from the Essex County Composite Squadron has been selected as the 191st Cadet Training Squadron First Sergeant and Cadet CMSgt Kaitlyn McSweeney, from the Hanscom Composite Squadron has moved up to become the Logistics OIC within the 190th Cadet Training Support Squadron.

Along with the above changes it has been decided to have two additional flights within the group's organizational structure. This means that we are now looking for four additional staff members, two flight commanders and two flight sergeants. If you know of anyone who would like to be considered or you yourself are interested please forward your contact information and a brief resume of your qualifications to Cadet Captain Zackery Benton, Cadet Commander of the 190th Cadet Training Group at zackery.benton@comcast.net, as well as send me a copy. These four positions will not be filled until the group's first training day which will be held at Fort Devens on Saturday, 08 May 2010. More information will be posted on the encampment website at www.mawgcadets.org/encampment when it becomes available.

Official encampment dates are '08 AUG 2010 through 15 AUG 2010' and held at Fort Devens



Pride in Our Personal Appearance

Lou Walpus, CMSgt (Ret), Civil Air Patrol, National Chief

This is our simple but powerful mission statement; "Civil Air Patrol, America's Air Force Auxiliary, building the Nation's finest force of citizen volunteers...Performing missions for America!"

Our Civil Air Patrol is a wonderful organization of unpaid professional citizen volunteers! As volunteers we have chosen to liberally give our time in support of our (CAP's) mission and the United States Air Force. As volunteers, we join and choose to continue to serve within an organization when that organization's goals meets our personal goals and needs and we feel a sense of pride in our accomplishments and affiliation. We are a diverse group, in skills and age. The challenge of leadership and membership (cadets and seniors) is to channel our collective experiences, skills and energy into successful mission accomplishment. We should take pride (honor, dignity, self-respect) in the accomplishment of our missions.

We should also take pride in our professional appearance. We recognize and appreciate the sizable investment that many of us have in uniform items – both CAP distinctive style uniform. However, must be worn properly and standards. These standards are in doubt or unsure of the particular uniform until you find out the right to ask your unit commander wish to or cannot meet the a certain uniform weight for the Air Force Style consider wearing another appropriate combination. When a uniform combination is not worn properly it reflects negatively on the individual, the unit, CAP and on our parent organization, the United States Air Force. If you are unable to acquire a complete basic CAP uniform (i.e., gray slacks and blue CAP polo shirt) consider wearing appropriate civilian attire. Please remember, a "uniform" is required only when flying or when you are working with cadets.

Remember our core values; Integrity, Volunteer Service, Excellence and Respect!

many of us have in uniform items and the AF- please remember all uniforms according to published written are not suggestions – if you regulatory requirements for a combination, don't wear it answer – please don't hesitate for guidance. If you do not standards required for wear of combination (i.e., hair, beard, combinations), please

We value you as a volunteer not what you wear! CAP needs - and we greatly appreciate your service. However, we are not all alike in physical attributes and abilities and - for uniforms - one size does not fit all! Please be assured, if your desire is to be a citizen volunteer in CAP, it is our desire to facilitate that service through proper training and adequate equipment not to overly burden you with cumbersome and confusing uniform requirements.

Remember you represent CAP daily. When you are on a military installation, or dealing with the public in a crisis or emergency services situation, the goal is not for you to be remembered because of your attire but rather the incredible professional work you perform. Remember our core values; Integrity, Volunteer Service, Excellence and Respect! You demonstrate your pride in CAP daily by your selfless dedication to our missions.



Chatham EPIRB Mission

March 9 – Cape Cod Newsletter – Cape Cod Composite Squadron



On the 7th of March, 2010 members of the Cape Cod Composite Squadron (MA044), Civil Air Patrol responded to a call for ground teams from the Massachusetts Wing Incident Commander. The call was placed due to an EPIRB (emergency position indicating radio beacon) which was transmitting in the Cape Cod area. Two members of MA044 responded, 2Lt Julia Massi and C/SSgt Kyle Ouellette. They drove toward Chatham Massachusetts to an industrial park where a Civil Air Patrol aircrew was already on scene and had narrowed the search down to the area surrounding a boat storage yard.

The team searched but was unable to locate the EPIRB due to the inability to gain access to the yard in order to verify the EPIRB's location. Even after working with local Chatham police trying to get into contact with the owner of the lot for a number of hours. The team was still unsuccessful and was forced to return home empty handed. The following day after receiving a call from the Massachusetts Wing Commander a



ground team from Cape Cod again resumed the search. This time the team was comprised of Capt Christian Fiore and 2Lt Julia Massi. After gathering the necessary equipment the team departed from Otis ANGB on route to Chatham to take up the search once more. After a couple of hours of homing in on the beacon, the team was lead to a small boat yard almost exactly where the aircrew had pinpointed the night before.



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After some unsuccessful searches in the boats surrounding the area the team received a tip from a local business owner who pointed out a boat which had recently been stripped of its electronics for winter storage. After the team's direction finding efforts seemed to confirm this tip, the team began trying to contact the owner of a storage shed where it was thought the electronics were stored.



The local business owner happened to know the owner of the shed and was able to get us into contact with him. After Lt Massi explained the situation to the man he was able to guide us to an extra key hidden on the property. Once the team gained access to the storage shed and performed a quick search the EPIRB was located and deactivated.

Mass Wing SAREX Successful

Members of Massachusetts Wing joined forces in Plymouth to conduct a multi-disciplined Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX). The exercise scenario involved a simulated airplane crash which necessitated visual, electronic and photographic response. The SAREX included Civil Air Patrol (CAP) aircrews, ground teams and a fully staffed incident command post.

The incident commander, Major Derrell Lipman, tasked CAP aircrews to conduct an electronic search for the downed aircraft's emergency locator transmitter (ELT). CAP air operations quickly detected the ELT, and located the crash



site. The aircrew notified mission base of the downed aircraft's position and immediately commenced a radio lead-in of CAP ground search teams. The wing SAREX activity was a great experience for participating ground team members and crewmembers.

CAP participants made use of the SAREX as an opportunity to execute their communication capabilities, search techniques and air/ground coordination. CAP

ground teams were composed mostly of cadets (under the supervision and guidance of qualified adult CAP ground team leaders).





CIVIL AIR PATROL COMPLAINTS PROGRAM

By Major James Fallon, MAWG - IG

The Civil Air Patrol Complaints Program is intended to create an environment where complaints, grievances and misunderstandings can be resolved. The Complaint System is a last resort management tool. Every effort should be made to satisfy complaints and grievances at the supervisory or command level where they occur. While the opportunity always exists to elevate issues to the IG and even to Congressional levels, CAP personnel should be aware that allegations are investigated at the level where they occurred. The same person who could or should have originally answered the complaint is usually tasked to do so from a higher level.

In other words, if a squadron member has a complaint or grievance or suspects a fraud, waste or abuse problem exists, he/she should bring it to the attention of the unit commander. If the problem directly involves the commander, then take it to the next higher commander (i.e. wing commander). Quite often the perceived problem is just a misunderstanding and can be easily corrected or explained.

Allow some time once you have contacted the commander. The commander may only devote two or three evenings per week to the

CAP. Remember, he/she is a volunteer too and has many other obligations outside of CAP. If it appears nothing is being done after a reasonable period of time, you may want exercise your rights and responsibilities under the complaints system.

There are exceptions to this. Allegations of sexual harassment or abuse, verbal or written, will be immediately reported by the unit commander to the wing or region commander, who in turn will immediately report it to NHQ CAP/GC. Incidents and complaints regarding alleged discrimination or discriminatory practices will be reported promptly to the wing or region commander, who shall immediately report the incident to CAP Equal Opportunity Officer at NHQ (CAP/EXI). In incidents or complaints regarding an alleged hostile environment, unit commanders will immediately report the allegation to the wing commander, region commander, or inspector general.

Once you have decided to contact the inspector general, you should refer to CAPR 123-2 to determine if your concern or grievance meets the definition of a complaint. If it does, you should follow the steps for "Complaints Submission" outlined in [CAPR 123-2](#).



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Text may be submitted in the body
of an email (preferred) or as a
document attached to an email.
Images must be in JPG format,
unretouched, uncropped, and at
least 1200 x 900 pixels.*

*Please provide name, grade and
unit of the author, photographer
and person mentioned in the
article.*

*Send submissions to the Editor at:
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Senate Measure Introduced to Award Medal of Honor to Members of Civil Air Patrol



WASHINGTON, D.C. – Senator Tom Harkin today (D-IA) introduced bipartisan legislation to award a Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) who provided, as civilian volunteers using their own aircraft, extraordinary public and combat emergency services during World War II. Joining Harkin, the Commander of the Congressional Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol, in introducing the legislation were Senators Mike Crapo (R-ID) and Daniel Inouye (D-HI).

“During World War II the Civil Air Patrol stepped up and played a vital role in protecting Americans during a critical time of need for the nation,” said Harkin. “These heroes courageously answered the call of duty and deserve to be honored for their extraordinary service.”

Crapo said, “World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol stood willing through austere weather conditions, with minimal resources, and often flew their personal aircraft. These exemplary Americans served a unique and critical role in defending our nation’s coasts and deserve the utmost recognition for the selfless service.”

“During World War II these courageous men and women dutifully patrolled our air space, searched for submarines off our coasts, and provided our nation with whatever they were asked to give. They made the same sacrifices that I and thousands of uniformed armed service members made during that historic conflict,” said Senator Daniel K. Inouye, a Medal of Honor recipient. “They deserve our praise and should be honored for their service.”

During World War II, members of the Civil Air Patrol started an anti-submarine coastal patrol off the Atlantic and Gulf coasts in March, 1942. With aircraft that was often times only equipped with a compass and a single radio, and lacking any personal safety equipment, the civil air patrol flew over 24 million miles in 18 months. CAP operations reported 173 submarines and found 325

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